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SUBJECT: LIBYAN EXPRESSES "MORAL SUPPORT" FOR PHILIPPINE MUSLIM
INSURGENTS

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1. ACCORDING ASSOCIATED PRESS, LIBYAN UNDERSECREARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AL-TEKI TOLD PREDEPARTURE MANILA PRESS
CONFERENCE AUGUST 24 THAT LIBYA IS "GIVING MORAL SUPPORT"
TO PHILIPPINE MUSLIM REBELS AND REFERRED TO QADHAFI SPEECH
AT COLOMBO NAC SUMMIT IN WHICH HE REITERATED SUPPORT FOR
TERRORISM. AL-TEKI BLAMED WORSENING OF SITUATION IN SOUTH
FOUR YEARS AGO ON CHRISTIAN BANDITS (ILAGAS). ACCORDING
AP, HE CONTINUED: "...ALTHOUGH THE PROBLEM IS STILL
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THERE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTROL OVER THE SITUATION..WE

ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP AND WILL
GIVE JUSTICE TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE PHILIPPINES."

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN
ACCENTUATING POSITIVE ASPECTS OF ISLAMIC SECRETARY
GENERAL'S VISIT AND HAS NOT MENTIONED THIS MORE
ACCURATELY AMBIVALENT LIBYAN STATEMENT. AL-TEKI'S
PROFESSED SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
MEANS LITTLE SINCE REBEL MNLF ITSELF, WHILE DEMANDING
A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF AUTONOMY, HAS NOT SINCE 1974
CHALLENGED PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER MINDANAO AND SULU.
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